

LAW MAKERS' PLAYGROUND

Official Washington is Going to Become Acquainted.

VERY LITTLE TIME TO LOAF NOW

Congressional Gymnasium is Already Well Established—Other Conveniences and Amusement Places to be Provided.

By Frederick J. Haskin. Washington, D. C.—Official Washington is at last going to become acquainted all around. Army chiefs are going to hobnob with congressmen. Secretaries of departments will chat amicably with senators' wives. What is even more significant, senators will meet representatives and each will, perhaps, learn something of the other's work and his point of view.

This millennium-like situation is to be brought about by the Congressional Country Club which will be opened about the first of December.

The need for such a club to promote better acquaintance is real. When congressional committees call in department officials to explain departmental matters at hearings, the atmosphere is apt to be slightly chilly. The congressman, with his eye on the Federal budget, suspects the department chief of wanting more money or clerks than is necessary. The official testifying at the end of the committee table looks around and wishes that these lawmakers would have to run his organization for a week. They'd show more intelligence about it if they did.

The Congressional Country Club is to break the tradition that different branches of government speak different languages. On the golf links, in the swimming pool, on horseback, or around the open fire, statesmen who have glared at each other may soon be swapping experiences and jokes.

The new club is needed in Washington from another point of view. The capital has fewer country clubs than almost any city of its size. Waiting lists of the three large clubs are always long. It is said that the city could easily build up a new club from these lists alone.

A Needed Club. The congressional club with its prospective membership of 1,500 will partly relieve this tense situation. All congressmen and their wives, department heads, and accredited press representatives will be eligible. A few hand-picked outsiders will also be admitted on recommendation of members. On the whole, though, it is to be a congressional club with only congressmen for its officers and board of directors.

The congressman's new playground consists of more than 400 acres of valuable land nine miles out of Washington. A big, fourteen-room country home, now on the grounds, is to be the clubhouse until a new one can be built. Fungalows are to be constructed, too, on the property, for members who may wish to rent suburban homes and be close to the golf course.

One alluring feature that is played up by the members who are starting the club is the scenery. The privilege of looking out on the historic Potomac and the Virginia hills is alone said to be worth the initiation fee. Moreover, the highway that runs by the grounds is the old Braddock Road on which Braddock is said to have marched with George Washington before the Revolution.

With this picturesque background, the club hopes to develop its property into an estate that will compare favorably with the best country clubs anywhere.

Golf enthusiasts have pronounced the prospects for a golf course unusual. Devereux Emmet, the well-known golf architect, may lay out the course. When Mr. Emmet was shown the grounds he was so impressed with the golfing possibilities that he went home and wrote the following, which sounds like a testimonial, though it isn't meant for one.

"In all my experience," wrote Mr. Emmet, "I have never seen a finer property for the purpose, with such a variety of contours."

The country club is one of a number of projects which have been attempted to brighten the lives of members of congress.

Congressmen Stay Here. A congressman has, to spend almost all of his time in Washington nowadays. Once a representative of the people could be reasonably sure of a long session and a short session at set intervals. Now, extra sessions follow so close on the heels of adjournment that the lawmaker has time only to snatch a few days vacation.

Getting back home is more a duty than a pleasure, at that. The politician must keep his voters reminded that he is still struggling valiantly for his country, even if his name isn't in the papers so often as might be wished. After this duty is hastily performed, the breathless lawmaker is back at it again. Lawmaking has become a year-round job. And as the members begin to realize that they are not camping here for a few months any more, they begin to agitate for some of the comforts of home.

This country club has so many members promised that it seems sure of success. The list of members already includes Secretaries Hoover, Denby and Mellon; William Burns, of the Secret Service; Frank White, treasurer of the United States; and John Bartlett, president of the Civil Service Commission. Another, less promising project, is a hotel for congressmen. This is a needed institution, no doubt, but it depends on a bill to bring it into existence. Anything of the sort that has

to be legislated over is almost surely doomed from the start.

The hotel for homeless congressmen was suggested as a means of relieving statesmen of their housing troubles, so that they could concentrate on affairs of state. It was to offer them a home conveniently close to the capitol at a reasonable rental.

The hitch to this acadian plan was the necessity of a fund to establish the institution. Later, it might be expected to pay for itself. Congress has not had the time, or possibly the nerve, to ask for this appropriation and the hotel, which a great many congressmen heartily endorsed, is still a paper proposition.

Another project, now well established, is the congressional gymnasium, where senators and representatives can take setting-up exercises and obtain advice as to their physical fitness.

That congressmen are settling down to be residents of the District of Columbia, is a hopeful sign for the district. Washington is dependent on what might well be called the charity of congress. Without representation at the capitol, the city must submit its affairs to the approval of a committee of men from states in all parts of the union.

In the past, these congressmen have not as a class taken a strong interest in the capital's welfare. Now that they and their families must live here the year around, the congressmen's interest in street car strikes, the housing shortage, and similar problems, is becoming personal.

WOULD KILL BOOTLEGGERS

Widely Known Church Paper Suggests Death as Remedy.

"The only good bootlegger is a dead bootlegger," is the startling headline in an article in the World Digest of Reform News, issued by the Methodist Board of Temperance, in Washington. Clamoring for law enforcement for prohibition, the World Digest asserts:

"On several occasions recently Prohibition and police officers in the discharge of their duty have been fired upon by bootleggers. Unfortunately some of these belligerent bootleggers have been taken and lodged in jail; they should have been lodged five feet under ground."

In describing a recent arrest The World Digest says:

"Both bootleggers leaped from the car with drawn revolvers; nevertheless, the officers took them alive."

In black face type the article goes on:

"This is not good policy. Such incidents should be dealt with according to the code of the Texas Ranger. We would be the last to advocate the unwarranted use of weapons by officers, but a bootlegger is worth a lot more to the country dead than alive."

BUTLER MAKES DENIAL

Marine Commander Tells of Conditions in Haiti.

Charges that American marines formed Haitian citizens into peonage or slavery in the building of roads in that country are utterly false, Brigadier General Smedley D. Butler, of the marine corps, testified before the senate committee investigating American occupation of Haiti.

General Butler described in detail the working of the road-building system he inaugurated, under which citizens were required either to pay a road tax or work on the roads.

"We fed and housed them, and had dances for their amusement," said General Butler. "At least once a week, I took President Dartigueau and members of his cabinet to make speeches to the road gangs. The people liked it so well that when we finished one road we had great trouble to get rid of 4,000 of them."

Soundproof Bricks Float.—Bricks that float are made from an earth found in Denmark which is impregnated with the fossilized remains of diatoms, a very minute form of life.

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Another novelty is the Frewen cavity brick, 1,800 of which take the place of 20,000 ordinary bricks. The hollow spaces in these bricks are linked in every direction, thus providing constant circulation of air through the walls of the house.—Detroit News.

The majority of the American unknown dead were killed in the Argonne drive and buried in the Romagne cemetery. A few of the unidentified lie at Bony and in the Belleau Wood, France.

WEAK BLOOD IS A REAL BARRIER

Growing Children Often Need Gude's Pepto-Mangan

Some children grow too quickly—they sap their strength. They lapse into careless, desultory habits, or develop a shrinking attitude. Their faces look pinched. The blood becomes overtaxed by too rapid growth; and poisons from the system take the place of strengthening red corpuscles in the blood. Red corpuscles are those little red particles that swim in blood and give it its color. Gradually that child loses interest in its play. Poor blood needs the building that the iron in Gude's Pepto-Mangan gives to weakened blood. Gude's Pepto-Mangan enriches the blood by increasing the number of red corpuscles, and restores the blood by driving out the poisons. When the revived blood gets to work, the appetite becomes what a growing child's should be. Your druggist has Gude's Pepto-Mangan in liquid or tablet form. The name "Gude's Pepto-Mangan" is on every package. Advertisement.

STUDIES IN NATURAL HISTORY

By JAMES HENRY RICE, Jr.

A GREAT LIFE WAVE.

Along about the first of September the weather was hot. Down here on the coast, outside the towns where heat radiates from roof to pavement, the coast had enjoyed its usual good summer. There was some hot weather; but, on the whole, it was a grand season and the nights beyond praise.

During the last days of August a movement began among the snakes and reptiles generally, especially noticeable among the tortoises, terrapins and turtles. Never have I seen more than a fraction of the snakes observed then. They were everywhere in evidence. The Cotton-mouth moccasins left the streams and a dog came up one morning with its head swelled to twice normal size, showing the work of a Cotton-mouth. Had it been a Rattlesnake the dog would not have come up, and would have been found near the scene of the tragedy. Rattlesnake poison acts like lightning on the smaller animals and is not a slow medicine in a human being.

In order to test the significance of this movement and to ascertain how it was extended, I wrote a good many letters to observers on different parts of the coast and all said a similar movement was in progress around them. In the interior the same thing was reported.

It was clear that snakes were exhibiting unusual activity all over a wide area, certainly over most of South Carolina and Georgia.

There is a general belief among herpetologists (as snake students are called) that snakes den up for winter in about thirty days after their final gorge is secured. They begin hunting this gorge within about a month of the hibernating period.

There is always a movement among snakes in late October in this part of the world; but here it had begun six or eight weeks ahead of time.

What did this mean? For my part I became convinced that the "snakes thought" cold from the higher places when the negroes on the sea islands below me said that terrapin had gone into the mud earlier than common, no doubt at all remained that the reptile world had received news in its own way that called for action.

It is the custom to call these things "instinct." May be; no one knows. There may be a ripening of this, a lack of that, and other signs too faint for our gross intelligence to interpret; but the signs, whatever they were, were plain enough for the lowest reptile to understand perfectly.

My own mind is satisfied with the belief in the omniscience of God, and that he has provided for these things in what manner he deemed best.

For, hear what happened. On the 4th day of October, more than two months ahead of time a cold snap came with a slight frost in the higher places. The cold was pronounced, in contrast with the warm weather prevailing up to that time. The frost was slight; but the whole aspect of the weather had undergone change. Fall was upon us.

This came within about a month of the first movement of the snakes.

It is well known that snakes emerge sometimes after hibernation, when there is continued warm weather. A gentleman told me yesterday that a turn plow in his field covered up a Rattlesnake two days ago, a rather large one with twelve rattles and a button.

But away back yonder, in the dim twilight of human history, in the land of Uz, Job knew that God ruled the seasons; and the allusions to the stars and to weather conditions have led some of the ablest Bible critics to claim that Moses wrote the Book of Job, while watching Jethro's flocks in Midian. The great mind of earth's first law giver could not rest. Moses had to watch, meditate, reflect. Hence the allusions to nature are vivid in Job. They came from a keen watcher and a profound believer in God.

So, amid the aftermath of war, the disturbances in all lands, and the moral upsetting of men, God rules and orders, "making no haste, taking no rest," sublimely beautiful, wonderful, to him that hath eyes to see and ears to hear. This is the lesson of the snakes.

James Henry Rice, Jr.

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